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AND ANTIMICROBIAL TREATMENT OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

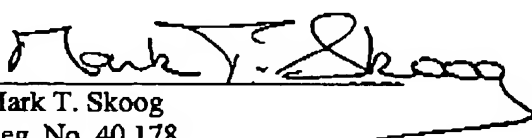
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action in the form of a Restriction Requirement mailed December 30, 2004, Applicants respectfully request examination of the claims of Group II, claims 3-5 and 29-36, drawn to a method of rinsing. Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement and do not acquiesce to any statements made therein. Applicants traverse on the grounds that the claims can be examined together.

Respectfully submitted,  
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